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### **Government and the Presidency of the Republic agree on the leadership of F-FDTL**

One of the two proposals resented by the Government for the appointment of the new heads of FALINTIL – Defence Forces of Timor-Leste (F-FDTL in Portuguese) was accepted by the President of the Republic.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, during the weekly meeting with the Prime Minister, Rui Maria de Araújo, the President of the Republic, Taur Matan Ruak, requested the presentation, by the Government, of a new proposal for the heads of F-FDTL. This proposal took into account a consultation to the current heads of F-FDTL, by the Minister of Defence, and the result of the analysis of the situation, made at the Council of Ministers Meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Government presented two proposals to the Head of State. Yesterday, the President of the Republic announced the acceptance of one of these proposals.

The Spokesperson of the Executive, Minister of State Agio Pereira, stresses "the Government's appreciation for the fact that both sovereign bodies have reached an understanding regarding the leadership of the Defence Forces of the country. The dialog and mutual respect that characterise our democratic system were, once more, put into practice, which is an evidence the indisputable peace, stability and progress of our young nation". **END**



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